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April 10, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE PAROLE
ADVOCACY PROGRAM (PAP) (ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant award funding for the PAP from OES in the amount of \$200,000 for the period of November 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. There is no required County match for this grant.
2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not increase the net County cost of the program.
3. Approve the attached Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$200,000, for Fiscal Year 2006-07, to allocate spending authority for this program.
4. Authorize the District Attorney, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire four Victim Services Representative IIs as "N" items for the PAP grant which is expected to be funded through June 30, 2008.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In August 2006, the State OES requested proposals for a pilot project that would provide direct advocacy services to victims of parolee crimes and victim-witnesses during parole revocation hearings.

Currently, victims and witnesses can be subpoenaed by the defendant or his counsel to appear at contested revocation hearings without preparation, emotional support or advocacy services to protect their rights and personal safety. The implementation of PAP will provide direct advocacy services (notification, introduction to the legal system, court support and escort accompaniment, case disposition information, and assistance with restitution) to victims of parolee crimes during the parole revocation process. No program currently exists to provide these services.

Board approval is required to accept this grant award.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the State level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 have been awarded to the District Attorney's Office to implement the PAP pilot project for the period of November 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006. Second-year funds in the amount of \$200,000 will be awarded for the 12 month period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and will be included in the department's 2007-08 budget. Continuation funding beyond the second year is contingent upon reauthorization of funding through the State Budget Act. There is no net County cost associated with this program.

The District Attorney's 2006-07 budget did not include funding for this pilot program which was recently awarded. Therefore, a budget adjustment is attached for approval to allocate spending authority for this program. Program staffing consists of 4.0 Victim Services Representative II positions. Hiring authority to fill these positions is also requested.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under current law, when parolees of California's state prison system violate the

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conditions of their parole, they may be returned to custody through the parole revocation process that may include a parole revocation hearing conducted in compliance with federal court-mandated timelines and procedures. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation indicates that 30,000 to 40,000 parole revocation cases are set for evidentiary hearings annually.

Historically, the Los Angeles County Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) has not been able to provide advocacy services to crime victims during the parole revocation process. The awarded grant funds will allow the department to implement a specialized pilot program within VWAP to provide victim advocacy services at parole revocation hearings. The program anticipates serving 2,758 clients during the grant period. Program staff will collect statistics to accurately assess victim needs/services and develop best practices to provide support and advocacy services for victims of parolee crime.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for the program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Unit, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Very truly yours,



STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 370

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

March 13, 2007₁₉

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2006-07

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney

Revenue - Parole Advocacy Program (PAP) STATE-OTHER

A01 - DA - 14030 - 88-89B - 8831 - ~~10B~~

Amount - \$200,000

USES

District Attorney

Salaries & Employee Benefits

A01 - DA - 14030 - 1000

Amount - \$156,000

District Attorney

Services and Supplies

A01 - DA - 14030 - 2000

Amount - \$19,000

District Attorney

Fixed Assets

A01 - DA - 14030 - 6030

Amount - \$25,000

JUSTIFICATION

This Budget Adjustment allocates unanticipated revenue from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the Parole Advocacy Program (PAP) to the District Attorney's Office Appropriations.


Norbert Ruiz, Head, Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

No. 193

Barbara Harris
March 14, 2007₁₉

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

March 21 2007₁₉
Jacqueline G. White
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERAPPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description **PAROLE ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

The Parole Advocacy Program is a pilot project to provide protection and support for victims and witnesses during parole revocation proceedings. Program staff will also collect statistics to accurately assess victim needs and develop best practices to provide support and advocacy services for victims of parolee crime. No program currently exists to provide such services in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Region III (Los Angeles County).

Funding Agency
Office of Emergency Services
(OES)

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or
Code #)**

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$200,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: 2006-07

Begin Date: November 1, 2006

End Date: June 30, 2007

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: 4 **Part Time**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No X

(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Department Head Signature

S. L. C.

Date

3/28/07